

BEETLE BAILEY

BY GREG WALKER, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER

LET'S GO MEN!
CHOW DOWN!

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THE MORE YOU EAT
TONIGHT, THE FEWER
THE LEFTOVERS

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DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER

SCHOOL
STARTS THIS
WEEK.

ARE YOU
READY?

"READY" IS
A STRONG
WORD.

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ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

I'M GOING TO
DO SOME
LAUNDRY.

WAIT—I
MIGHT HAVE
A FEW
THINGS TO
TOSS IN.

WHAT KIND OF LOAD...
COLORS? WHITES?
DELICATES?

NOT SURE...

IT SORTA JUST DEPENDS
WHAT CALVES OFF
THE EDGES.

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ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

The day ahead: ★★★★★ = Dynamic; ★★★★★ = Positive; ★★★ = Average; ★★ = So-so; ★ = Difficult

Moon Alert:

Caution! Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions all day. The Moon is in CAPRICORN.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19) ★★★ Please know there's a **Moon Alert** all day today. Meanwhile, you're high-viz. People notice you more than usual. You might have important discussions with bosses, parents, VIPs or the police. If so, agree to nothing important. Don't volunteer for anything today. Stay chill. Tonight: You're admired.

TAURUS

(April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ This is a playful, creative day! Artists can make art and explore new ideas because this entire day is a **Moon Alert**, which means your mind is wide open, floating like a helium balloon let loose in the sky. Jot down your ideas. Tonight: Explore!

GEMINI

(May 21-June 24) ★★★ Be extra careful today because this entire day is a **Moon Alert**, which means restrict your spending to food and gas. Postpone important decisions. Meanwhile, this **Moon Alert** is taking place in one of your Money Houses, which means you'll be tempted to do some financial wheeling and dealing. Tonight: Check your finances.

CANCER

(June 21-July 22) ★★★ Today has its challenges. There's a **Moon Alert** taking place opposite your sign. Don't agree to anything important. Restrict spending to food and gas. Get physical exercise. Do something to blow off pent-up steam that might be building up within you. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Be careful. Today the Sun and Mercury are both in your Money House; however, there's a **Moon Alert** all day, which is unusual. Restrict spending to food and gas. Avoid important decisions. Expect shortages at work. Fortunately, your communications with others are charming. Tonight: Work.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ This is a powerful time for you because the Sun is in your sign, and tomorrow your ruler Mercury moves into your sign as well. In the meantime, all day today is a **Moon Alert**, which will lighten your creative juices. Explore the arts. Enjoy socializing. Restrict spending to food and gas. Tonight: Have fun!

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ This is the perfect day to schmooze and do as little as possible. Enjoy the company of others. This entire day is a **Moon Alert**, which certainly discourages spending. (Except for food and gas.) Relax with friends or cocoon at home. Tonight: Relax at home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Monday, Aug. 24, 2026:

You have an intellectual desire to understand everything. You are original, observant and artistically creative. The theme for this year is service to others, perhaps to family. Therefore, take care of yourself so that you will be able to help those who turn to you for guidance, comfort and courage.

BORN TODAY

Actor, comedian, director, writer Stephen Fry (1957), actress Anne Archer (1947), actor Chad Michael Murray (1981)

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ There is a **Moon Alert** in effect all day today, and it might impact your movements, your conversations and your transportation patterns. Delays and shortages are classic. Meanwhile, restrict your spending to food and gas. This is a great day to socialize. Wait until tomorrow to act. Tonight: Discussions.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Be careful because there's a **Moon Alert** in effect all day today and it's taking place in your primary Money House. Therefore, do not make financial decisions. Don't spend money for anything other than food and gas. On the other hand, it's a great day to socialize and explore creative projects. Tonight: Check your money.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Today there is a **Moon Alert** in your sign all day! You might feel vaguely hesitant. There might be a dreamy quality present. However, a **Moon Alert** is a wonderful time to be creative and socialize with others, even though it's a poor time to spend money or make important decisions. Tonight: Stay grounded.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Your best approach to this day is to be low-key or work alone or behind the scenes. Because a **Moon Alert** is in effect all day, restrict your spending to food and gas. Postpone important decisions. Work hard and carry on as usual. Tonight: Privacy.

PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ This is a lovely day to schmooze with friends and members of groups; however, don't agree to anything important because there is a **Moon Alert** in effect all day. Don't volunteer for anything. Explore the arts and enjoy good times. Tonight: Friendships.

NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID

IT'S MONDAY.

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TIME FOR MY
STRESS LEVELS...

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TO NEED THEIR OWN
SUPPORT GROUP.

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE

HAVE YOU EVER MADE A BLIND
LEAP OF FAITH WHEN HIRING?

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MAYBE...

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INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES

OK, NOW
LET'S
TRY A
SILLY
ONE.

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Moments later, RICHARD slipped on the ALGAE-ridden rocks and PLUNGED to the MURKY depths of the loch. MUCH to the despair of NESSIE, who wanted her STORY told.

SUDOKU

Difficulty: ★ 8/24

9	3	1			8	2	6	5
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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Wager

4 Bio stat

7 Prince of India

11 Israeli airline

13 Sinbad's bird

14 Flair

15 iPhone voice

16 Ripken of baseball

17 Broad-casts

18 Glitches

20 Deposited

22 Skirt edge

24 Three-note chords

28 Ballpark snack

32 Entrap

33 Char

34 PBS supporter

36 Got bigger

37 Thrifty person

39 Flowering shrubs

41 Dog's rewards

43 Texter's "Enough!"

44 Say it isn't so

46 Gawked at

50 Iso-

53 Eg. and Syr., once

55 Time of day

56 Rotate

57 Journalist Nellie

58 — Bora (Afghan region)

59 Dance partner?

60 "Didn't I tell you?"

61 Soccer —

DOWN

1 First lady Truman

2 "28 Summers" author

19 "— who?"

21 Apr. check

23 Chess pieces

3 Lipinski on ice

4 Curved line

5 Hockey highlight

6 Brilliance

7 Book illuminator

8 Boxer Laila

9 Jam holder

10 Reply (Abbr.)

12 Gossip magazine articles, say

25 Rhine feeder

26 Actress de Matteo

27 Gives a darn?

28 Whispered "Hey!"

29 Caboose

30 Roof overhang

31 Salonga of "Miss Saigon"

35 HIV-treating drug

38 GPS suggestion

40 "I love," in Latin

42 Rebuffs

45 Harvard rival

47 Weaver's device

48 Franc replacement

49 Small amount

50 UFO crew

51 Status follower

52 Coffee vessel

54 Deli loaf

TODAY'S ANSWER

9	6	5	7	2	4	3	8	1
1	4	7	9	3	8	5	6	2
8	2	3	5	1	6	9	7	4
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7	8	9	2	6	3	4	1	5
3	1	8	6	5	2	7	4	9
4	7	6	3	9	1	2	5	8
5	9	2	8	4	7	1	3	6

DENNIS THE MENACE

Antiques

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"IT IS WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT WAS."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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"Mommy says dinner will be ready in 20 minutes if I help her, 10 minutes if I don't."

CROSSWORD

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